

Finance Report, Financial Year 2017/18 December 2017

Executive Summary

Entering into the final quarter of the year, current forecasts show that we should meet the current budget by year end.

The main dependencies are budgets where there is some uncertainty as to activity over the quarter, in particular in relation to FOI Appeals and Enforcement Legal case load and staff leavers. Close budget monitoring will make sure that the impact of changes in these areas will be quickly identified and managed.

We are forecasting full year income to be over budget by £100-£200k which will reduce the overall deficit that is currently planned and agreed with DCMS at £1.8m. This £1.8m covers the in year loan from DCMS of £1.4m as well as an increase to the revenue budget of £300k for accommodation and £100k for NIS directive work.

With regards our recruitment campaign, we expect to meet our staff costs forecast by the end of March 2018. We have around £1.6M per month to spend up to the end of the financial year, with over £100k of that for new starters. We currently have circa 60 staff in clearance.

Work continues at Kings Court and we expect to have staff moving into the building at the end of January. We will then be utilising the space within Wycliffe House more effectively over the coming months by adding additional desk space and aligning departments that collaborate more frequently.

Data Protection Funding Model

The Statutory Instrument for our new funding model is scheduled to be laid in Parliament in February. We expect the fees to be agreed at £40, £60 and £2,900 for the three tiers respectively which does give small businesses the chance to remain at the £35 level if they paid by direct debit, taking advantage of the £5 discount.

Budget Movement Q2 to Q3

As we move into the final quarter of the year, there are limited budget changes. These are the increased expenditure of £400k for accommodation and training (split £300k revenue and £100k capital) and the increased expenditure on set up costs on the NIS directive work starting in January. All other movements in projected forecast have been either immaterial or interdepartmental.

Budget	Financial impact (£)	Commentary
Accommodation	340,000	Required to fit out and furnish Kings Court, Wilmslow
Training	60,000	Required for bespoke GDPR related training
NIS Directive work	100,000	NIS directive work will be formally funded from April 2018.
Overall budget	500,000	Note £100k of this is expected to be capital in
impact		nature.

Spend under/ (over) variance tolerance of 10%: Overall, no material variance found or expected.

Budget	% Variance	Comments
Training & Recruitment	17.1%	Some training for bespoke training in enforcement and policy teams has been booked for the final quarter, expected to spend to budget.
Project Spend	(23.9%)	Given the milestone billing nature of project work, it is an area that can see variations to budget during the year. On detailed review, we are assured that the final position will be to budget.
Travel	(11.6%)	Travel costs are exceeding current forecasts; additional resource of approximately £30k will be allocated to this budget.
Legal & Professional	34.3%	Legal costs are expected to vary against budget because of the ad hoc nature of cases. A significant budget has also been allocated to outsource specific commercial work, none of which has been billed as yet. Expected to spend to budget.

Financial Overview as at 31 December

Cash Flow

The cash flow remains consistently robust with reserves available in the event of a reduced income or to cover additional work required over forecasted income.

DP Income

Month	Budget*	Actual	Variance	%
	(£000)	(000£)	(£000)	
April	1,558	1,458	(99)	(7%)
May	1,547	1,731	185	12%
June	1,640	1,698	58	4%
July	1,736	1,644	(92)	(5%)
August	1,569	1,645	76	5%
September	1,948	1,829	(119)	(6%)
October	1,863	1,973	111	6%
November	1,733	1,856	123	7%
December	1,253	1,204	(49)	(4%)
Subtotal	14,848	15,039	192	1%
January	2,080			
February	1,857			
March	1,969			
£ Year	*20,754			

^{*}Budget reflects an uplift of 6% from the previous year.

The number of registrations has steadily increased from April 2017, showing an increase of 26,082 or 5.5% by the end of December. If this level of growth continues, we would expect fees to be up to 7% ahead of the previous year against a budget of +6%. No drop off has yet been recorded in the run up to GDPR going live.

Month End Financial Summary

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		Year To	Date		Year	Prior Year
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Var %	Forecast	2016/17
	£	£	£	%	£	£
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GRANT IN AID	2,857,500	2,857,500	(101 700)	0.0 %	3,795,000	3,790,000
DP FEE INCOME	14,847,770	15,039,478	(191,708)	(1.3%)	20,754,800	19,729,439
IPA INCOME	247,500	247,500	(74)	0.0 %	330,000	330,000
BANK INTEREST	-	71	(71)	0.0 %	-	75
INCOME	17,952,770	18,144,549	(191,779)	(1.3%)	24,879,800	23,849,514
OFFICE COSTS	1,105,083	995,607	109,476	9.9 %	1,500,216	1,523,289
STAFF COSTS	13,410,783	13,404,363	6,420	0.0 %	18,098,424	16,029,657
TRAINING AND						
RECRUITMENT	454,905	377,152	77,753	17.1 %	676,190	579,010
IT COSTS	2,037,970	2,058,759	(20,789)	(1.0%)	2,713,825	2,505,735
PROJECT SPEND	546,006	676,326	(130,320)	(23.9%)	674,675	688,500
COMMUNICATIONS	293,637	296,708	(3,071)	(1.0%)	388,400	507,460
FINANCIAL COSTS	78,875	78,346	529	0.7 %	107,500	153,134
TRAVEL	380,676	424,783	(44,107)	(11.6%)	540,700	526,336
LEGAL, PROFESSIONAL & OTHER	784,449	515,251	269,198	34.3 %	1,429,870	595,466
TOTAL COSTS	19,092,384	18,827,295	265,089	24.5 %	26,129,800	23,108,587
CAPITAL SPEND	460,000	415,007	44,993	9.8 %	650,000	616,614
OPERATING SURPLUS	(1,599,614)	(1,097,753)	(501,861)	(35.6%)	(1,900,000)	124,313
GIA PROGRAMME 1819 ADVANCE	980,000	980,000	-	0.0 %	1,400,000	-
SURPLUS	(619,614)	(117,753)	(501,861)	(35.6%)	(500,000)	124,313

^{*}Project spend includes some capital spend which is reviewed quarterly alongside the revenue budget. Capital spend is estimated at £415k to date.

Civil Monetary Penalties (CMPs)

Below is the summary of those debts we still consider recoverable from the previous year plus new penalties issued to December 2017.

Gross debts B/fwd from 2016-17	594,600
Issued penalties gross	3,026,829
Issued prompt payment discount Irrecoverable debts written off	(359,100)
Net	3,262,329
Receipts*	1,537,518
Balance	1,724,811

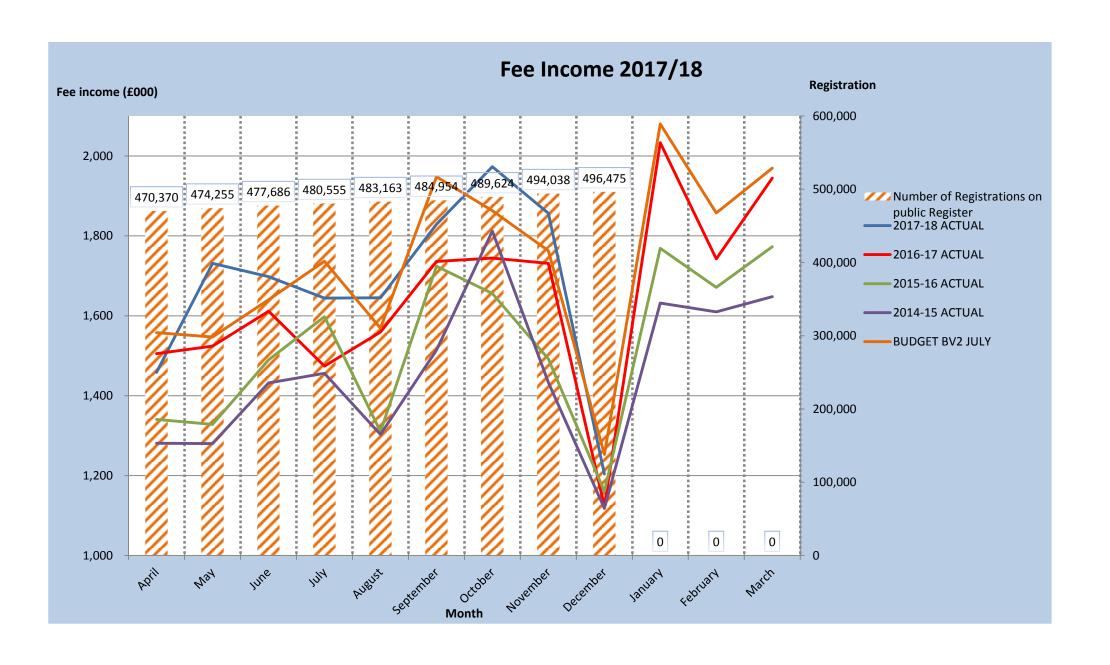
^{*}Of this sum, £190,896 is due to be paid to the consolidated fund in February 2018.

Spending controls

The ICO is complying with the Cabinet Office Spending Controls Guidance v 4.0

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cabinet-office-controls/cabinet-office-controls-guidance-version-40

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For the Twelve Months Ending 31 March 2018

For the Twelve Months Ending 31 March 2018	Actual Apr-16	Actual May-16	Actual Jun-16	Actual Jul-16	Actual Aug-16	Actual Sep-16	Actual Oct-16	Actual Nov-16	Actual Dec-16	Forecast Jan-17	Forecast Feb-17	Forecast Mar-17
	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)	£ (000)
Cash flows from operating activities												
Net Expenditure												
DP FEE INCOME	-1,458	-1,731	-1,698	-1,644	-1,645	-1,829	-1,973	-1,857	-1,204	-2,016	-1,793	-1,906
DRIPA INCOME	0	0	-83	0	0	-83	0	0	-83	0	0	-83
OFFICE COSTS	113	91	89	107	127	124	101	136	106	179	178	178
STAFF COSTS	1,432	1,413	1,425	1,456	1,469	1,457	1,507	1,634	1,527	1,579	1,564	1,637
TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT	40	49	28	52	33	50	50	52	23	80	81	138
IT COSTS	218	241	178	268	260	178	275	203	239	218	219	218
PROJECT SPEND	143	101	166	76	125	79	-76	107	-45	3	3	-37
COMMUNICATIONS	15	14	54	17	18	67	33	42	36	26	25	40
FINANCIAL COSTS	3	3	7	3	0	3	6	17	36	35	-3	-2
TRAVEL	40	53	44	41	19	72	64	63	30	19	10	86
LEGAL, PROFESSIONAL & OTHER	27	50	31	54	73	32	81	101	65	314	262	338
Net expenditure total	572	285	242	429	481	150	69	498	731	436	546	607
Decrease in trade and other receivables	22	678	-6	233	-36	689	194	-239	-11	-511	259	-140
Increase in trade payables	513	-913	-71	391	-266	-569	66	122	174	324	-172	8
Use of provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash outflow from operating activitie	1,107	50	165	1,052	180	270	329	380	894	249	632	475
Cash flows from investing activities												
Capital Spend	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	54	95	50	50	180
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash outflow from investing activities	0	0	0	0	0	0	266	54	95	50	50	180
Cash flows from financing activities												
Grant in Aid	-313	-313	-313	-313	-313	-313	-313	-313	-358	-313	-313	-358
Grant in Aid Programme in Advance			-140	-140	-140	-140	-140	-140	-140	-140	-140	-140
Net cash flows from financing activities	-313	-313	-453	-453	-453	-453	-453	-453	-498	-453	-453	-498
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash Net increase/(decrease) in cash	equivaler 794	nts in the y -262	ear -288	600	-273	-182	143	-18	491	-153	230	157
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	794	-202	-288	600	-2/3	-182	143	-18	491	-153	230	157
Cash & equivalents- start of period	3,630	2,836	3,098	3,386	2,786	3,059	3,241	3,098	3,116	2,625	2,778	2,548
Cash & equivalents- end of period	2,836	3,098	3,386	2,786	3,059	3,241	3,098	3,116	2,625	2,778	2,548	2,391

		Year To Date				Prior Year
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Var %	Forecast	2016/17
	£	£	£	%	£	£
GRANT IN AID	2,857,500	2,857,500	0	-	3,795,000	3,790,000
DP FEE INCOME	14,847,770	15,039,478	-191,708	(1.3%)	20,754,800	19,729,439
IPA INCOME	247,500	247,500	0	_	330,000	330,000
BANK INTEREST	0	71	-71	-	0	75
TOTAL INCOME	17,952,770	18,144,549	-191,779	(1.1%)	24,879,800	23,849,514
RENT	360,412	365,031	-4,619	(1.3%)	528,500	646,378
RATES & BUILDING INSURANCE	212,541	212,008	533	0.3%	286,541	235,770
SERVICE CHARGES	40,100	34,790	5,310	13.2%	58,800	33,624
CAR PARKING	12,000	12,181	-181	(1.5%)	13,800	54,104
HEAT & LIGHT	75,561	61,470	14,091	18.6%	107,000	102,670
WATER	16,178	13,822	2,356	14.6%	22,875	17,067
CLEANING	55,601	62,419	-6,818	(12.3%)	74,100	88,463
SECURITY	44,250	46,647	-2,397	(5.4%)	59,000	52,462
WASTE	3,000	3,542	-542	(18.1%)	4,000	5,797
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	51,500	50,470	1,030	2.0%	75,500	49,277
MOTOR COSTS	0	0	0	-	0	-151
KITCHEN	28,505	22,530	5,975	21.0%	38,000	32,524
REMOVALS	0	379	-379	-	0	0
FURNITURE	93,500	8,487	85,013	90.9%	113,000	46,407
GENERAL EQUIPMENT	7,497	2,029	5,468	72.9%	10,000	8,191
STATIONERY	50,500	48,775	1,725	3.4%	67,100	46,178
POSTAGE	45,750	40,289	5,461	11.9%	61,000	55,840
DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION	6,000	4,252	1,748	29.1%	8,000	5,768
OTHER	2,188	6,488	-4,300	(196.5%)	3,000	84,449
OFFICE COSTS CAPITALISED	0	0	0	<u>-</u>	-30,000	-41,529
TOTAL OFFICE COSTS	1,105,083	995,607	109,476	9.9%	1,500,216	1,523,289

	Year To Date			Full Year	Prior Year	
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Var %	Forecast	2016/17
	£	£	£	%	£	£
SALARIES	10,212,787	9,826,830	385,957	3.8%	13,807,374	12,062,267
OVERTIME	115,218	109,273	5,945	5.2%	152,291	110,106
PENSION	1,995,008	1,995,004	4	0.0%	2,675,729	2,452,706
NATIONAL INSURANCE	963,801	963,803	-2	(0.0%)	1,295,738	1,150,172
AGENCY STAFF	0	385,959	-385,959	-	0	291,489
INWARD SECONDMENT	84,000	85,149	-1,149	(1.4%)	114,000	0
SALARIES INCOME	0	0	0	-	0	-68,616
PENSION INCOME	0	0	0	-	0	-14,582
NATIONAL INSURANCE INCOME	0	0	0	-	0	-7,829
NON EXEC BOARD MEMBER	39,969	38,344	1,625	4.1%	53,292	53,944
TOTAL STAFF COSTS	13,410,783	13,404,363	6,420	0.0%	18,098,424	16,029,657
RECRUITMENT	140,029	128,162	11,867	8.5%	191,440	166,022
RELOCATION EXPENSES	4,750	4,459	291	6.1%	4,750	41,575
HEALTH & SAFETY	40,126	35,879	4,247	10.6%	60,000	46,860
APPRENTICESHIP LEVY	45,000	38,745	6,255	13.9%	60,000	0
FURTHER EDUCATION	4,500	1,080	3,420	76.0%	6,000	7,478
ALL STAFF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	140,000	114,131	25,869	18.5%	230,000	302,965
SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES	49,000	11,104	37,896	77.3%	82,000	0
MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT	13,500	28,007	-14,507	(107.5%)	18,000	14,111
CSL E LEARNING	2,000	720	1,280	64.0%	3,500	0
CSL WORKSHOPS	2,000	0	2,000	100.0%	3,500	0
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	12,000	13,397	-1,397	(11.6%)	13,500	0
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2,000	1,469	531	26.6%	3,500	0
TOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT	454,905	377,152	77,753	17.1%	676,190	579,010

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	Budget	Actual	Variance	Var %	Forecast	2016/17
	£	£	£	%	£	£
HOSTING, WEB AND TELEPHONY	537,242	497,225	40,017	7.4%	716,322	704,277
APP & DESKTOP SUPPORT	510,003	499,668	10,335	2.0%	680,003	679,870
SOFTWARE LICENSING	363,750	416,091	-52,341	(14.4%)	485,000	379,419
SECURITY CONTRACT	37,500	10,517	26,983	72.0%	50,000	54,482
NOTIFICATION PRINTING	177,000	179,988	-2,988	(1.7%)	235,000	222,494
MANAGED PRINT	31,875	27,632	4,243	13.3%	42,500	33,702
CARD PROCESSING CHARGES	97,600	87,709	9,891	10.1%	130,000	103,982
HARDWARE MAINTENANCE	37,500	96,296	-58,796	(156.8%)	50,000	70,975
GOV SECURE INTERNET	91,500	61,092	30,408	33.2%	120,000	0
TELEPHONY CALLS & BROADBAND	154,000	182,540	-28,540	(18.5%)	205,000	256,534
TOTAL IT COSTS	2,037,970	2,058,759	-20,789	(1.0%)	2,713,825	2,505,735
ICE CRM DEVELOPMENT	0	234,110	-234,110	_	0	0
FINANCE SYSTEM	0	11,455	-11,455	-	0	0
DOCUMENT STORAGE SOLUTION	0	53,222	-53,222	-	0	0
INFRASTRUCTURE	0	478,157	-478,157	-	0	0
HARDWARE & SOFTWARE UPGRADES	140,000	24,265	115,735	82.7%	140,000	0
PRE-PROJECT INVESTIGATIONS	0	11,016	-11,016	-	0	0
NPS RESOURCE	0	132,683	-132,683	-	0	0
OTHER PROJECT WORK	866,006	146,425	719,581	83.1%	1,154,675	1,263,585
PROJECT WORK CAPITALISED	-460,000	-415,007	-44,993	9.8%	-620,000	-575,085
TOTAL PROJECT SPEND	546,006	676,326	-130,320	(23.9%)	674,675	688,500

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	Budget	Actual	Variance	Var %	Forecast	2016/17	
	£	£	£	%	£	£	
CAMPAIGNS, MEDIA RELATIONS & PR	23,400	37,802	-14,402	(61.5%)	106,200	24,665	
MARKETING CONSORTIUM INCOME	0	0	0	-	-75,000	0	
MEDIA MONITORING	56,700	8,518	48,182	85.0%	79,200	135,625	
DESIGN & PRINT	39,037	36,132	2,905	7.4%	55,000	40,922	
DISTRIBUTION	30,000	28,185	1,815	6.1%	40,000	25,774	
SURVEYS	46,500	40,232	6,268	13.5%	66,000	26,779	
CONFERENCES GENERAL	104,000	161,195	-57,195	(55.0%)	104,000	269,310	
CONFERENCE INCOME	-25,000	-41,164	16,164	(64.7%)	-25,000	-48,686	
ICON DEVELOPMENT	0	0	0	-	15,000	0	
STAFF EVENTS	10,750	2,175	8,575	79.8%	12,000	19,578	
WEB MAINTENANCE	8,250	23,633	-15,383	(186.5%)	11,000	13,493	
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	293,637	296,708	-3,071	(1.0%)	388,400	507,460	
BANK CHARGES	28,125	29,158	-1,033	(3.7%)	37,500	47,624	
EXTERNAL AUDIT	24,750	21,875	2,875	11.6%	33,000	32,500	
INTERNAL AUDIT	26,000	26,873	-873	(3.4%)	37,000	69,431	
CORPORATION TAX	0	0	0	-	0	17	
BAD DEBT WRITE OFF	0	440	-440	-	0	3,562	
TOTAL FINANCIAL COSTS	78,875	78,346	529	0.7%	107,500	153,134	
CAR HIRE	6,573	4,601	1,972	30.0%	9,500	5,251	
EPCS CARD REBATE	0	-1,406	1,406	-	0	0	
TRAVEL HOSTING	0	3,671	-3,671	_	0	226	
TRAVEL UK	283,637	324,202	-40,565	(14.3%)	408,500	445,577	
TRAVEL OVERSEAS	103,759	111,140	-7,381	(7.1%)	139,700	97,136	
TRAVEL INCOME - UK	-5,474	-1,690	-3,784	69.1%	-7,000	-6,526	
TRAVEL INCOME - OVERSEAS	-7,819	-15,734	7,915	(101.2%)	-10,000	-15,328	
TOTAL TRAVEL	380,676	424,783	-44,107	(11.6%)	540,700	526,336	

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	£	£	£	%	£	£	
LEGAL	541,466	242,853	298,613	55.1%	835,800	349,017	
LEGAL COSTS RECOVERED	-9,774	-11,713	1,939	(19.8%)	-25,000	-27,109	
LIBRARY & SUBSCRIPTIONS	49,800	42,630	7,170	14.4%	65,900	54,354	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	12,700	13,596	-896	(7.1%)	14,250	10,714	
RESEARCH	76,000	17,640	58,360	76.8%	165,000	35,634	
RESEARCH GRANTS FUND	20,000	6,000	14,000	70.0%	125,000	0	
NIS DIRECTIVE	0	0	0	-	100,000	0	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	82,837	202,258	-119,421	(144.2%)	137,500	163,404	
STAFF RECOGNITION	11,420	1,986	9,434	82.6%	11,420	9,452	
TOTAL LEGAL, PROFESSIONAL & OTHER	784,449	515,251	269,198	34.3%	1,429,870	595,466	
TOTAL COSTS	19,092,384	18,827,293	265,091	1.4%	26,129,800	23,108,588	
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FTE Staff Analysis						
Permanent Staff Band A	0.0	8.1	(8.1)	0.0	8.1	0.0
Permanent Staff Band B	0.0	33.1	(33.1)	0.0	36.0	0.0
Permanent Staff Band C	0.0	112.4	(112.4)	0.0	127.4	0.0
Permanent Staff Band D	0.0	134.5	(134.5)	0.0	182.0	0.0
Permanent Staff Band E	0.0	105.5	(105.5)	0.0	134.5	0.0
Permanent Staff Band F	0.0	50.9	(50.9)	0.0	65.3	0.0
Permanent Staff Band G	0.0	15.8	(15.8)	0.0	18.8	0.0
Permanent Staff Band H	0.0	5.0	(5.0)	0.0	4.0	0.0
Agency Staff Band B	0.0	3.0	(3.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Agency Staff Band C	0.0	9.0	(9.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Agency Staff Band D	0.0	2.0	(2.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total FTE staff	0.0	479.3	479.3	0.0	576.0	0.0